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AGREEABLY to an order of the Moſt Worſhipful JOHN HALL, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of this State, as Grand Maſter of Maſons, the Grand Lodge of North-Carolina and Tenneſſee convened in their Lodge Room in the city of Raleigh, on the Evening of Wedneſday, the 3d day of December, A. L. 5806, A. D. 1806, when were

PRESENT,

The Moſt Worſhipful the Honorable John Hall, Grand Maſter.

R. w. Gen. Montfort Stokes, Deputy Grand Maſter.

R. w. Robert Cochran, Grand S. Warden, *pro tem.*

R. w. William Duffy, Grand Junior Warden.

R. w. Robert Williams, Grand Secretary.

R. w. William Boylan, Grand Treaſurer.

Gen. Benjamin Smith, Grand S. Deacon.

Doctor Calvin Jones, Grand J. Deacon.

His Excellency Nathaniel Alexander, Governor of this ſtate, Grand Marſhall.

Thomas Pound, Grand Tyler.

Member—Peter Caſſo.

Viſitors—Daniel M'Millan, Robert Troy and Atlas Jones.

Repreſentatives, to wit.

From St. John Lodge, No. 1, Wilmington—Gen. Benjamin Smith.

Royal Edwin, 5, Windſor—Brother Prentice Law.

Phœnix, No. 8, Fayetteville—Brothers William Duffy and Robert Cochran.

Old Cone, No. 9, Saliſbury—Gen. John Steele and Gen. Montfort Stokes.

Waſhington, No. 15, Beaufort county—Brother Wm. Boylan.

King Solomon, No. 18, Jones county—Gen. Durant Hatch.

Hiram, No. 24, Williamſborough—Brother William Robards.

Panſophia, No. 25, Moore county—Brothers Jacob Gaſter and Conner Dowd.

Mount Moria, No. 27, Iredell county—Brothers Andrew Caldwell and Geo. L. Davidſon.

Phalanx, No. 31, Charlotte—Brother S. Lowrie.

Stokes, No. 32, Cabarrus county—Brother S. Lowrie.

Davie, No. 39, Bertie co.—Brother Prentice Law.

Hiram, No. 40, City of Raleigh—Brothers Calvin Jones, Theophilus Hunter, and Jonathan Brickell.

Liberty, No. 45, Wilkes county—Brothers William Hulme and John Martin.

Social, No. 46, Pittſborough—Brothers Wm. Warden and Wm. Diſmukes.

The Lodge was opened in due form.

Ordered, That a charter iſſue, conſtituting a Lodge in Carteret county, to be holden in the town of Beaufort, by the name of Taylor, No. 48, directed to Micajah Pigott, Maſter, Jeconius Pigott, Senior Warden, William Fiſher, Junior Warden.

Ordered, That a charter iſſue, conſtituting a Lodge in Martin county, in the town of Hamilton, by the name of Young Eagle, No. 49, directed to Jeſſe Jones,

Maſter, Jeremiah Slade, Senior Warden, and Wm. Pierce, Junior Warden.

For reaſons ſhewn to this Grand Lodge, it is ordered that the arrears due from Old Cone Lodge, No. 9, in the town of Saliſbury, amounting to the ſum of thirty-eight pounds, which accrued previous to the year 1800, be remitted on the books of the Grand Treaſurer.

Ordered, That the charters of the following Lodges be arreſted for reaſons ſhewn to this Grand Lodge; and that ſaid Lodges hereafter be declared diſſolved, to wit:—St. John, No. 13, Duplin county; St. Tammany, No. 16, Martin county; Davie Glaſgow, No. 26, Greene county; Unanimity, No. 34, Rockford, Surry county; Columbia, No. 28, Wayne county; and St. John, No. 4, Kinſton.

Ordered, That the ſum of thirty pounds, be remitted to King Solomon Lodge, No. 18, Jones county, on the books of the Grand Treaſurer, for reaſons adduced ſatisfactorily to this Grand Lodge.

Ordered, That the Grand Treaſurer be authorized to ſettle the accounts of Mount Moria Lodge, No. 27, and paſs to them ſuch credits as he may deem proper.

Ordered, That Brothers Gen. John Steele, William Duffy and Robert Cochran, be appointed a committee to examine the Treaſurer's Books, and report, &c.

Ordered, That brothers Gen. Benjamin Smith, Gen. Durant Hatch, Gen. Montfort Stokes, Jeremiah Slade, Doctor Calvin Jones, and Samuel Lowrie, be appointed to examine the communications made to us from other Grand Lodges in North America.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

Friday, December 5th. A. L. 5806, *A. D.* 1806.

The Grand Lodge met according to adjournment, when were

PRESENT,

The Moſt Worſhipful the Honorable John Hall, Grand Maſter.

R. w. Gen. Montfort Stokes, Deputy Grand Maſter.

R. w. Robert Cochran, G. S. W.

R. w. Samuel Lowrie, G. J. W. *pro tem.*

R. w. Robert Williams, Grand Secretary.

R. w. William Boylan, Grand Treaſurer.

Gen. Benjamin Smith, G. S. D.

Doctor Doctor Calvin Jones, G. J. D.

Thomas Pound, Grand Tyler.

Members—The Honorable John Lewis Taylor, Edward Jones, William Polk and Peter Caſſo.

Viſitors—Duncan Cameron and Atlas Jones.

Repreſentatives, to wit:

From St. John, No. 1, Wilmington—Gen. Benjamin Smith.

Royal White Heart, No. 2, Halifax—Brothers M. C. Whitaker and Wm. Lockhart.

St. John, No. 3, Newbern—The Honorable Judge Taylor and Francis X. Martin.

Phœnix, No. 8. Fayetteville—Brothers William Duffy and Robert Cochran.

Old Cone, No. 9, Salisbury—Brothers Gen. John Steele and Gen. Montfort Stokes.

Waſhington, No. 15, Beaufort county—brother Wm. Boylan.

King Solomon, No. 18, Jones county—brother Francis X. Martin.

Hiram, No. 24, Granville county—Brothers William Sneed and William Robards.

Mount Moria, No. 27, Iredell—Brothers Andrew Caldwell and George and L. Davidson.

Phalanx, No. 31, Charlotte—brother S. Lowrie.

Stokes, No. 32, Cabarrus county—brother S. Lowrie.

Davie, No. 39, Bertie co.—brother Prentice Law.

Hiram, No. 40, City of Raleigh—Brothers Doctor Jones and Jonathan Brickell.

Liberty, No. 45, Wilkes county—Brothers William Hulme and John Martin.

Newport, by diſpenſation in Tenneſſee—Robert Williams.

The Lodge was opened in due form.

Ordered, That Jeremiah Slade and Matthew C. Whitaker, be appointed a committee to ſettle the accounts of Royal Edwin Lodge, No. 5, Windſor, and report their opinion and ſtatement thereof to the next grand annual communication.

Ordered, That a notice iſſue to the Lodge in Naſhville, ſtate of Tenneſſee; Federal, No. 42, Pitt co. and to Friendſhip, No. 36, Fort Barnwell, to appear at the next grand annual communication of this Grand Lodge, and ſhew cauſe if any they have, why their charters reſpectively ſhall not be arreſted.

The committee to whom was referred the examination of the ſtate of the Treaſury, made the following report:

That they find by receipts up to the firſt day of December, 1805, to be in the hands of the Grand Treaſurer, the ſum of £. 434 16 5 1-2: four hundred and thirty four pounds, ſixteen ſhillings and five pence half penny. That the neceſſary diſburſements

amount to £70 8 9 : ſeventy pounds, eight ſhillings and nine pence. Which latter ſum taken from the former, leaves in the hands of the Grand Treaſurer the ſum of 364 £. 7 8 1-2 : three hundred and ſixty four pounds ſeven ſhillings and eight pence half penny.

Ordered, That a charter iſſue, conſtituting a Lodge called Newport, in the town of Newport, in the ſtate of Tenneſſee, No. 4 of the ſtate of Tenneſſee, No. 50 on the Grand Archives ; to be directed to Henry Stephen, Maſter, Nathaniel Mitchell, Senior Warden, and Auguſtine Jenkins, Junior Warden.

Ordered, That Gen. Durant Hatch and Francis X. Martin, be appointed a committee to enquire into the caſe of Mr. —— Ives, formerly a member of St. John Lodge, No. 3, Newbern, and make a report thereof to the next grand annual communication.

The Grand Lodge being informed by the moſt worſhipful the honorable John Lewis Taylor, paſt Grand Maſter, now one of the repreſentatives of St. John's Lodge, No. 3, Newbern, that the worſhipful Francis Lothrop, the Maſter of ſaid Lodge, died on the —— day of October laſt paſt : therefore

Reſolved unanimously, That this Grand Lodge hear with great concern, that the fraternity have been deprived of a worthy brother in the perſon of ſaid Francis Lothrop ; who, for ſeveral years paſt, has been an uſeful and zealous member of the Grand Lodge : That the Grand Secretary do record this event in the books of the Grand Lodge, and appriſe the ſeveral Lodges of it, and announce the great grief which they feel on the occaſion.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of the

Grand Officers for the enſuing year, when was elected

The Honorable John Hall, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of this State, Grand Maſter.

The Right Worſhipful Major-General Montfort Stokes, Clerk to the Legislature of this State, Deputy Grand Maſter.

The Right Worſhipful Robert Cochran, Grand Senior Warden.

The Right Worſhipful William Duffy, Grand Junior Warden.

The Right Worſhipful Robert Williams, Grand Secretary.

The Right Worſhipful William Boylan, Grand Treaſurer.

Who were ſeverally inſtalled in due form according to the ancient uſages of Maſonry.

The Moſt Worſhipful the Grand Maſter then did appoint

The Honorable General Benjamin Smith, Grand Senior Deacon.

The Honorable Alexander Martin, L. L. D. late Governor of North-Carolina, and late one of the Senators from this ſtate in the Congreſs of the Unit d States, Grand Junior Deacon.

The Honorable General John Steele, late the Comptroller of the Treaſury of the United States, Grand Purſuivant.

His Excellency Nathaniel Alexander, Governor, Captain-General of North-Carolina, Grand Marſhal.

This Grand Lodge then adjourned *sine die*.

Teſt,

ROBERT WILLIAMS,
Grand Secretary.

A LIST OF LODGES

Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North-Carolina and Tennessee.

St. John,	No. 1—Wilmington
Royal White Heart,	2—Halifax
St. John,	3—Newbern
Royal Edwin,	5—Windsor
Phœnix,	8—Fayetteville
Old Cone,	9—Salisbury
Johnston Caswell,	10—Warrenton
Washington,	15—Beaufort county
American George,	17—Murfreesborough
King Solomon,	18—Jones county
Hiram,	24—Williamsborough, Granville
Pansophia,	25—Moore county
Mount Moria,	27—Iredell county
Harmony, No. 1, of Tennessee,	29—Nashville, state of Ten.
St. Tammany,	30—Wilmington
Phalanx,	31—Charlotte, Mecklenburg co.
Stokes,	32—Cabarrus county
Freeland	33—Rowan county
Jerusalem,	35—Carteret county
Friendship,	36—Fort Barnwell
Davie,	39—Bertie county
Hiram,	40—City of Raleigh
Tennessee, No. 2, of the state of Tennessee,	41—Knoxville
Federal,	42—Pitt county
Greeneville, No. 3 of Tennessee,	43—Greeneville, Tennessee
Williams,	44—Johnstonville, Randolph co.
Liberty,	45—Wilkesborough, Wilkes co.
Social,	46—Pittsborough, Chatham co.
Orange,	47—Lincoln county
Taylor,	48—Beaufort
Young Eagle,	49—Martin county
Newport, No. 4, of Tennessee,	50—Newport, in the state of Tennessee.

The following song was sung by Brother Nathaniel Pinkham, and at the request of several Members of the Grand Lodge, is printed and transmitted to the subordinate Lodges.

BEFORE I became a Free Maſon,
Some ſaid it was a damnable thing;
Some ſaid 'twas witchcraft and treaſon,
And ſwore that the devil reign'd king:
But I thought to myſelf I would venture,
And went without further delay,
With a firm reſolution to enter,
To a Lodge then I haſted away.

II.

I met an old friend and relation,
Whom I heard was a Maſon before;
To whom I ſoon made application—
He carried the news to the door,
And bid me to tarry with patience,
And ſtrait to the room did repair;
So ſoon he returnd with an anſwer,
And bid me to come and prepare.

III.

Good Heavens! then how my heart panted,
Expecting to meet with old nick,
The report I had taken for granted,
My conſcience began for to prick;
But I found it a matter more ſerious,
Tho' never a word I yet ſpoke;
The way that I went was myſterious,
I felt in no humor to joke.

IV.

Thro' dark, diſmal ſhades how I blunder'd,
Lord help me in private I cried;
With a voice unto me ſeem'd thunder,
One queſtion my friend and my guide:
Says Brother who is this you're leading,
My caſe unto him he made known;
My guide was my lawyer in pleading,
He carried my cauſe to the throne.

V.

Then wiſdom he taught me my duty,
He gave me new light to mine eyes,
I was ſtruck with ſuch majeſtic beauty,
It filled my poor heart with ſurpriſe.
When he told me that I was his Brother,
And that we had nothing to fear,
So we love and reſpect one another,
So come and partake of our cheer.

VI.

But what I there ſaw I wont tell you,
But this I can ſay without fear;
I found ſomething good for my belly,
And believe me there is no devil there.
So now for to tell you my mind, ſir,
But not what was told unto me;
Before I went there I was blind, ſir,
But now with both eyes I can ſee.

North Carolina
& Tennessee
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